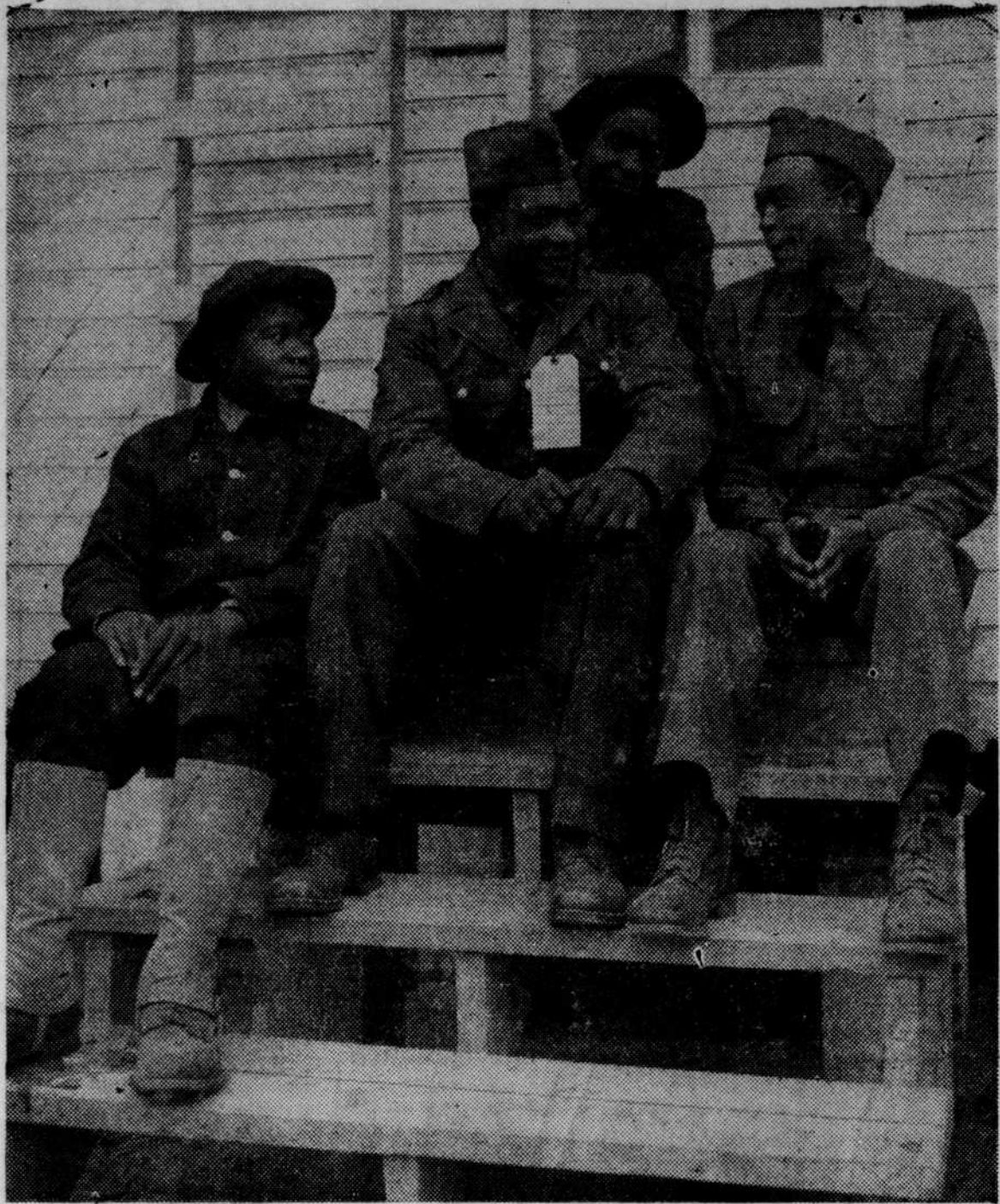


ATLANTA EQUAL PAY SUIT FILED

Uncle Sam Is Big Train's Coach Now



Tagged "soldier for Uncle Sam" and with an Army blouse fitting snugly around broad shoulders, John Clifford Moody (center), football star from Morris Brown College in Atlanta, Ga., still keeps that good-natured grin as he listens to "advice" from fellow-soldiers before starting life in the Army. Moody, the "Big Train" of colored football, was in-

ducted last weekend at Fort Benning, Ga., Reception Center and his arrival soon spread through the huge Reception Center. Here Moody sits in the barracks steps to receive "brotherly advice" from Pvt. Udell Watkins (right) from Grand Junction, Tenn., while Pvt. James Barry, Harberville, S. C., (left) and Pvt. George Bachus, also of Harberville, listen in.

Equal Pay Scale Sought In Atlanta Teacher's Petition

School Board Is Given Twenty Days to Answer Federal Action

By ROBERT M. RATCLIFFE

A petition asking that colored teachers employed by the Atlanta Board of Education be paid the same salaries received by white city school teachers was filed Tuesday afternoon in United States District Court.

William H. Reeves, a teacher at David T. Howard junior high school, is the plaintiff in the case and is being represented by Attorney A. T. Walden, of Atlanta, and Attorney Thurgood Marshall, legal representative of the national body of the NAACP with headquarters in New York City.

E. S. Cook, Devereaux McClatchey Jr., Charles C. Rife, J. H. Landers D. M. Therrell and J. Austin Dilbeck, constituting the Board of Education of Atlanta, and William A. Sutton, superintendent of city schools, are the defendants.

BOARD HAS 20 DAYS TO ANSWER

A federal law allows the defendants 20 days in which to answer the charges, and after that time,

the case may be tried at the convenience of the court and attorneys for the defense and plaintiff.

The complaint filed Tuesday by Reeves points out that the Atlanta Board of Education ignored two petitions in which the colored teachers of city schools requested equal salaries. The board, according to the complaint, received a petition January 30, 1941, from the Gate City Teachers Association, and another November 26, 1941, from

Reeves and all colored teachers and principals of the city schools. Both petitions requested that the salaries of colored teachers employed by the Atlanta Board of Education be made the same as those paid others in Atlanta and urged the discontinuance of "the discriminatory policy practiced by the board."

COURT DECISION ASKED

Reeves' complaint urges the court to decide "whether the practice of the defendants, in adopting, enforcing and maintaining the policy, custom and usage by which the plaintiff and other Negro teachers and principals in the public schools of the city of Atlanta are uniformly paid lower salaries than white teachers and principals in the city of Atlanta possessing the same professional qualifications and certificates, exercising the same duties and performing the same services, solely on account of their race and color is unconstitutional and void being a violation of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution and the laws of the United States."

The court is asked to decide the salary question for all colored teachers and principals employed by the Atlanta Board of Education. The complaint points out that it would be impracticable "to bring them all before court and for this reason the plaintiff prosecutes this action in his own right and on his own behalf, and on behalf of the

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WILLIAM H. REEVES

Lanier High School Observes Negro History Week

With the interesting address, "The Negro Soldier in Modern Warfare," by Private Joseph S. Jennings, of the Jackson Air Base, on Monday, February 9, at the Activity Hour, Lanier High School began the annual observance of National Negro History Week. Throughout the week, in daily programs, this seventeenth celebration of the contribution of the Negro to American life, addresses and music emphasizing the achievements of the Negro, were presented. These activities, sponsored by the various departments, represented phases of life studied in the respective departmental fields. Appropriate selections were provided by the music group under the direction of Mr. K. W. Holly and Miss M. V. Manning.

The programs and sponsors for the week were as follows: Monday, "The Negro in Military and Political Affairs," Miss Hopkins and Mr. Jackson.

Tuesday, "The Negro in Music," Mr. Holly and Miss Manning. Wednesday, "The Negro Woman in American Life," Miss Little. Thursday, "The Negro in Sports,"

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Selective Service Director Issues Important Order

Brigadier General Thomas J. Grayson, State Director of Selective Service, said today that requests for postponement of induction by those selectees who have been ordered for duty with the armed forces should be made to local boards. In case of death or extreme emergency to a person in the registrant's immediate family, serious illness of the registrant, or other extreme emergency beyond the registrant's control, the local board may postpone induction for a period not to exceed sixty days.

"Since the local boards are better acquainted with local conditions surrounding these requests, I am going to recommend that in the future the question of postponement be left in their hands," Director Grayson said. "I feel that the local board members are in position to study these cases much better than they can be investigated in the state office and for that reason, the question of whether or not induction orders shall be postponed in emergency cases will rest with them."

"Registrants desiring postponement for dire emergencies are requested to take this matter up with

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Housing Fight Flares Anew; No Group To Use Detroit Homes Now

MARVA GETS FUNDS, SEES JOE

Files Candidacy For Chattanooga Council Position

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — (ANP)—Dr. W. A. Thompson, oldest medical practitioner here from point of service, has filed for the Hamilton county council and will seek nomination at the primary election March 5 on the Democratic ticket. He has practiced here since 1904.

Housing Fight Flares Anew; Homes Vacant

Detroit Group Makes Another Trip To Capital

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (ANP)—Thirty-two irate Detroiters stormed on Washington early Wednesday morning, dissatisfied with the sudden turn taken in what had been considered the final disposition of the Sojourner Truth Defense homes after bitter verbal battles had marked a previous visit of a delegation to Washington resulting in what at that time seemed an apparent victory for the Negroes.

Officials in Washington learned that dissension in the Detroit council led to the latest flare up, when a councilman had the matter reopened after the mayor, the Detroit Housing coordinator, the defense housing coordinator and the administrator of the PWA had agreed to a decision to permit Negroes to live in the houses.

The nine-man council was split in a vote four to four, when this councilman, who comes up for reelection this year, brought the council a proposal which it is alleged he had wrangled from the Ford management to the effect that Ford was giving gratis to the city a site he previously purchased for a tank proving ground. This site is on the side of the railroad tracks and far less desirable than any other site obtainable.

The councilman, said to be a graduate of Notre Dame and depending upon the Polish vote to return to the council, made his offer which threw a monkey wrench into the whole works. The mayor, put on the well known spot, debated what to do then with Sojourner Truth homes since to all intents and pur-

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Lawyer Agrees To Release Her Attached Money

Boards Train En Route To Visit Famous Husband

CHICAGO — (ANP)—Mrs. Marva Louis boarded the Commodore Vanderbilt for New York City here last Saturday afternoon to visit with her husband, Joe Louis, now stationed at Camp Upton, N. Y., but only after she had been assured by Atty. Binkley Cyrus that the writ of attachment placed last week on her \$4,000 automobile, apartment building and bank accounts would be removed.

Atty. Cyrus had brought suit against Mr. and Mrs. Louis on August 19 allegedly during their recent divorce action. Since that time, Cyrus claims she has dodged the summons service and that the attachment was only to bring her into court.

Representing Mrs. Louis were Atty. Henry C. Ferguson and William L. Dawson, who appeared before Judge Prystalski last Monday with a motion to squash the writ on the grounds that the court had no jurisdiction in the matter. With the denial of the motion, Ferguson and Dawson filed a special appearance to question the jurisdiction of the court and later filed a general appearance which brought Mrs. Louis before the judge.

In the judge's chambers, Mrs. Louis appeared to be worried because, as she said, Joe was in the armed services of the country and not present to offer solace and because she has not been able to figure out how she can get the

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Augusta Minister Gets Arson Term

AUGUSTA, Ga. — (SNS)—The Rev. Isaac T. Tables, Monday had been given a sentence of one to two years in prison following his conviction in a superior court on a charge of arson. The preacher was sentenced by Judge A. L. Franklin.

Firemen testifying at the trial said several blazes were found in the minister's home, and that a mattress was found saturated with kerosene.

Blame Maynard In Shortage At Bank

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. — (SNS)—Shortages which might total above the \$25,000 mark, resulted in the closing of the Tuskegee Institute Savings Bank Thursday and the placing in technical custody of its cashier, W. R. Maynard, formerly of Atlanta, and Frank Seabrooks, his assistant.

The bank was ordered temporarily closed by state banking officials, pending an audit of the bank's funds. None of the depositors will lose by the shortage, Dr. Patterson, president of Tuskegee, disclosed to newsmen, since the capital stock of \$35,000 will more than absorb the loss. Meanwhile Maynard and Seabrooks are cooperating with the bank examiners to clarify the shortages which they admit exist.

News of the shortage came as a shock to Tuskegee students, faculty members and residents, who had held Maynard, a graduate of Morehouse College and the Blackstone College of Law, in high regard.

The bank served the faculty and officials of the school as well as the local community of Greenwood, as the rapidly growing town about Tuskegee campus is named. It did a thriving business, made small loans and served as a depository for both the institute and

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Jackson College One Of Twelve Schools Included By Teacher Education Com'sion

At the January Conference on Teacher Education held at Jackson College, Dr. Ernest V. Hollis, Coordinator of the Commission on Teacher Education with headquarters in Washington, D. C., stated that Jackson College had been chosen by a group of the nation's leading educators as one of the twelve most progressive schools in the country to be studied by the Commission because of their significant advances in education, particularly in relation to their program of community development.

Dr. Gordon Blackwell, eminent sociologist of Chapel Hill, North

Carolina, who has been secured by the Commission to make this study spent Friday and Saturday of last week visiting Jackson College and its adopted rural school communities.

Although Jackson College is just in the second year of its new program, it has already claimed wide attention because of its unique purpose to train teachers for the rural schools of Mississippi and to develop the kind of teacher capable of inspiring real community improvement.

Jackson College Sharing In Nat'l Defense Program

The Jackson College Defense Committee group has organized itself into several sub-committees, in order that they may be able to reach the community at large in an "all out aid" to civilians in sharing in the Defense Program. The sub-committees are grouped as follows:

Air Raid and Auxiliary Fire Fighting: Mr. B. B. Dansby, Mr. A. V. Battle and Mr. P. C. Lane. Consumers Economics and Education: Mrs. E. A. Zuber. Health Education: Nurse O. W. Harris.

Defense Needs and Community Projects: Mr. Woodard. Civilian Morale: Mr. Battle and Mrs. Tate.

Conservation and Publicity: Mrs. D. S. Parker and Miss E. V. Murphy.

The groups are asking the cooperation of every one in aiding Jackson College to put over this program for National Defense and thus demonstrate our share in REMEMBERING THE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorors Observe Womanhood Week

The Zeta Phi Beta sorority, top ranking women's Greek-letter organization, with chapters throughout the country, will observe Finer Womanhood Week from February 22 through February 28.

Featured by outstanding programs in the principal cities of the country, with respect to the contribution of the Negro woman to the progress and development of American civilization and culture, and of the part she must and can play in the present world crisis.

Alpha Delta Zeta chapter, the Zeta Phi Beta's organization in Mississippi, will begin the observance of Finer Womanhood Week with a program in the Jackson College auditorium, Sunday, February 22, at 5 p.m.

The program, under the title "Zeta Phi Beta's March of Time," promises to be both educational and entertaining. The public is cordially invited.

NAACP Meets

One of the most interesting and important meetings of the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was held at the William Johnson Community Center, Monday night.

A number of very important questions respecting Negro welfare, educational and economic life was discussed with a view to future planning.

Three new members joined the Association at the Monday night meeting.

Oklahoma Speaker



PRESIDENT Wm. H. BELL

... of Alcorn was guest speaker at the Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma Association of Negro Teachers on Thursday, February 12th, which was held in the auditorium of the Carver Junior High School in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Alcorn Organizes Civilian Defense Committee Units

ALCORN, Miss.—In an effort to cooperate with the Civilian Defense Program, national, state and local, President Bell recently appointed the following committees which consist of faculty members and students. The College Defense Committee will serve as the clearing house and planning board for the institution and the coordinating unit for all forces of the college and immediate community. The Air Raid Protection and Auxiliary Fire Fighting Committee will give instructions on blackouts and air raid procedures, arrange for the training and recruiting of student air raid wardens and volunteer police, and serve in a similar manner in relation to the fire fighting squad.

The Money Raising Committee will sell defense savings bonds and stamps. The USO Committee will compile and keep up to date information on the selective service status of students of Alcorn College, plan entertainments for men-in-training who may visit the campus, and serve as an information bureau for persons seeking information regarding various phases of military service. The Civilian Morale and Defense Volunteer Service Committee will conduct forums, lectures and discussions and keep open the channels of discussion on education and plans on all phases of the war effort with attention directed towards possible post war problems that will arise after the United States will have won the war.

The Health and Medical Service Committee, in addition to the present task of meeting the health needs of students, will promote a general program of education regarding nutrition and physical defects of selectees and promote the training of Red Cross first aid work. The Publicity Committee will disseminate information regarding

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Presents Recital

Mrs. Jack H. Young will present Olive Camille Anderson in a piano recital at Pearl Street AME Church, Sunday, March 1st.

Miss Anderson is a violin and saxophone pupil under Prof. Kermit Holly, and a senior of the Lanier High School. She is the 15 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Anderson of this city. The public is cordially invited to be present.

LOCAL DELTAS PRESENT FIRST JABBERWOCK

ALPHA CHI SIGMA CHAPTER of DELTA SIGMA THETA SOCIETY located at Jackson is sponsoring its first Jabberwock. The affair promises to be a gala occasion for Mississippians in general, as they are drawing talent from all over the state.

The Jabberwock will be staged at the Lanier High School Auditorium. At its conclusion the crowd will leave the auditorium and finish up the evening with a big dance at the Crystal Palace Ballroom, March 13th is the date. Keep it open for you really cannot afford to miss the biggest and most unique affair of the year. Everybody will be there.